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> PATENT 2185-0514P

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Tatsuo TATENO et al.

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FATTY ACID ESTERS AND FUELS

COMPRISING FATTY ACID ESTER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

MS AF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Va. 22313

July 9, 2003

Wednesday

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amend the claims as follows: